

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous composition comprising:
  - (a) from 18% to 60% by weight of at least one surfactant;
  - (b) from 0.1% to 10% by weight of at least one copolymer comprising from 2.5% to 30% by weight acrylic acid residues, from ~~10%~~ 40% to ~~80%~~ 75% by weight C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub> alkyl (meth)acrylate residues, and from 2% to 25% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues; and
  - (c) from 0.08% to 0.9% by weight of a clay.
2. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 having from 20% to 45% by weight of said at least one surfactant.
3. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 2 having from 0.3% to 5% by weight of said at least one copolymer and from 0.2% to 0.7% by weight of the clay.
4. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 in which said at least one copolymer has from 5% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues.
5. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 4 in which said at least one copolymer has from 5% to 15% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues.
6. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 5 in which said at least one copolymer further comprises methacrylic acid residues, and the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 15% to 50% by weight of the copolymer.
7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1 in which the clay has a particle size range ~~from 1 to 1000 nm~~ in a colloidal range.

8. (Original) The composition of claim 7 in which the clay is a synthetic hectorite clay material.

Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled.

11. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 5 in which said at least one copolymer has from 40% to 75% by weight C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl (meth)acrylate residues.

12. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11 in which said at least one copolymer has from 15% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues.

13. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11 in which said at least one copolymer further comprises methacrylic acid residues, and the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 20% to 40% by weight of the copolymer.

14. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11 in which said at least one copolymer has from 40% to 75% by weight ethyl acrylate residues.

15. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 14 in which said at least one copolymer has from 15% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues.

16. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 14 in which said at least one copolymer further comprises methacrylic acid residues, and the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 20% to 40% by weight of the copolymer.

17. (Previously Presented) An aqueous composition comprising:  
(a) from 20% to 25% by weight of at least one surfactant;  
(b) from 0.5% to 3% by weight of at least one copolymer comprising from 5% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues, from 40% to 75% by weight ethyl acrylate residues, and from 5% to 15% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues; and

(c) from 0.08% to 0.5% by weight of a clay.

18. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 17 in which said at least one copolymer further comprises methacrylic acid residues, and the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 20% to 40% by weight of the copolymer.